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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION FOR RESIDENCES

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1. REGRET DELAY IN ANSWERING TELEGRAM. SUBJECT OF RESIDENTIAL SECURITY WAS DISCUSSED WITH RSO ALGIRE WHILE HE WAS IN WASHINGTON WORKING OUT DETAILS OF NEW CHANCERY PLAN, AND WE OVERLOOKED INFORMING THE EMBASSY OF OUR CONCLUSIONS.

2. WHILE WE HAVE APPROVED, IN PRINCIPLE, THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, THIS AND THE OTHER RESIDENTIAL SECURITY CHANGES MUST BE DEFERRED. THE OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR SECURITY MODIFICATIONS WORLDWIDE AND THE TREMENDOUS SUMS OF MONEY THEY REPRESENTED, REQUIRED THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING BECAUSE WE SIMPLY COULD NOT FUND ALL REQUESTS AT ONE TIME. THEREFORE, OUR PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN SET ON THREE MAJOR LEVELS. THE FIRST LEVEL OF PRIORITY IS PROVIDING CONTAINMENT AND

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PROTECTION WITHIN PUBLIC ACCESS BUILDINGS. THE SECOND

LEVEL IS TO STRENGTHEN PERIMETER DEFENSES AROUND THESE BUILDINGS WHERE THE MAJOR THREAT OCCURS. THE THIRD

LEVEL WILL PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL PROTECTION AS NECESSARY.

3. AS A MATTER OF PRACTICALITY, WE CANNOT BEGIN THE RESIDENTIAL MEASURES UNTIL THE FIRST TWO PRIORITY LEVELS AT OUR PUBLIC ACCESS BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

4. WE MUST HOLD YOUR REQUESTS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, AS WELL AS THOSE FROM ALL OTHER POSTS, UNTIL LATER. THE EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED WHEN THE RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS CAN BE COMMENCED. KISSINGER

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